

On the 2d of May, the Controller requested John Serrell to measure all the work done under the con-

with Oscar Taylor on Fifty-first street, and subsequently Daniel Ewen was associated with him to examine the work.

Their estimate of the amount of work to May 8, 27, is as follows:

263 cubic yards cast blasted, 9 cents .....	\$21,870
172 cubic yards cast blasted, Ar, 50 cents .....	2,580
68 feet culvert, \$2.50 .....	170.00
Total .....	\$24,550

If we take the whole amount of work certified by E. Vidal as having been done April 28, 1897, it is as follows:

	Cash Value.
For earth, 1897 .....	\$244
As measured by Moses, Serrell and Ewen .....	27,765
Excess of Vidal's certificate .....	25,379
Rock excavated, as certified by Vidal .....	6,781
Rock excavated, as measured by Serrell and Ewen .....	4,702
Excess of Vidal's certificate .....	3,979
Culvert certified by Vidal .....	196
Culvert as measured by Serrell and Ewen .....	681
Excess of Vidal's certificate .....	485

Which at \$2.50 per foot, is \$2,700 for culvert not built.

This case was reported by the Controller to the board of Commissioners on the 29th of June, 1897, accompanied by the report of Moses, Serrell and Ewen, which may be found in the proceedings of that board that date.

Since the publication of the report the contractor is doing no work on this job.

*Jefferies, Cushing and Guttering Fourth Avenue from Seventy-ninth to Ninety-second street.*

On the 15th April, 1897, a contract was made with Messrs. Devlin to lay, cast and gutter, Fourth

for bridge stones, per square foot.....	60 cents
for flagging, per square foot.....	10 cents
for setting curb and gutter, per running foot.....	\$1.00

On the 19th of August, 1857, a statement was made by Charles Turner, the Contractor, and Commissioner, accompanied by a certificate of Edwin Smith, Surveyor:

Less 30 per cent, amounting to	\$14 00
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Balance	\$3 00 0/10

The above items of work were done by both the Surveyor and Mr. Turner, not embraced in the contract, viz:

6 feet high curb and gutter road, at 25c.....	\$ 25 00
10 feet high curb and gutter road, at 30c.....	3 00 00
1 cubic yards earth removed, @2c.....	2 00 00
1 cubic yards earth removed, @2c.....	2 00 00
Total.....	\$12 00 00

The amount of the contract was \$10 00 00, and this exceeded the limit of \$10,000, it entitled the contractor to an advance of 70 % cent before the completion of the assessment.

Severely per contra the items embraced in the contract would be \$8,787 20. Mr. Turner's statement, however, would entitle him to \$10,373 56.

The sum actually paid on this contract, August 26, 1857, was \$14,373 50, exceeding the 70 % cent on the

CHIEF OF MR. TAMM, and John Brammigan, the clerk of this court, who represented the city of St. Louis. Mr. C. Devin, under a power of attorney of the assignee, John Fitzpatrick, which power is now on file in the Finance Department.

CHIEFMAN.—You said the last day, Mr. Flegg, that the figure "17" was added to an amount of \$12,800 in a contract for the purchase of bonds, did that represent a special contract for \$12,800 to a general one? A. To a special contract, I suppose; when Devin was appointed Street Commissioner he made all his claims over to Fitzpatrick, so as to convey the contracts over, as was supposed, to Devin himself again.

Q. Was there as much as this \$12,800 due Fitzpatrick by your office at that time? A. Yes, his claims were in my office at that time; I suppose that amount is made up of the contracts for Fifty-seventh and Fifty-second streets, Fourth avenue, and others assigned to him by Devin.

Q. Are you satisfied that there is sufficient due care up this sum of \$12,800? A. There might be due care if I was a lawyer.

Q. Mr. Piene, was this \$12,000 due to Mr. Devlin that he assigned these contracts to Fitzpatrick? A. About that Devlin was entitled to that amount; he was expecting these cases, and will continue our protection and give you the result.

Q. Mr. Cross—Do you know anything of Mr. Smith's private habits?

CHAIDMAN—I think it is hardly proper to inquire into that here as Mr. Smith is before a criminal court; I would say that I expect Mr. Smith to give testimony here, but he was desirous first to purge his self of the charges made against him, before a criminal tribunal; he is to be examined on Tuesday next; he wishes to be heard there first, and I conceive it to be right that he should.

The Committee then adjourned to meet on Saturday next at 2 o'clock p. m.

**BROOKLYN ITEMS.**

**THE ROBBERY OF BARKER'S PORK PACKING ESTABLISHMENT.**—This establishment, which is situated at Red Hook Point, has been robbed during the Winter of several thousand dollars' worth of pork and lard by an organized gang comprising some two dozen persons, among them one of the foremen in the establishment. The latter had been in the habit of selling pork and lard to persons connected with lighters and canal boats and others, appropriating the proceeds to his own use. It was discovered by the proprietor that goods were missing from the place, and finally the criminal was detected in the act of disposing of two barrels of pork. He was arrested and information given to Chief of Police Every of the Third Precinct. Police officers obtained the place of deposit of a considerable number of the stolen articles. Search was made by Capt. Shuman and a posse of police, who found a great deal of the goods stored in houses on the west side of the city. In the vicinity of the docks, many other barrels were found at the corner of Columbia and West streets. Some of the parties arrested were brought before Justice Betchly, and eight waited examination and gave bail to await the action of the grand jury. The remaining twelve remained today in the same place those arrested are as follows: John Carter, Patrick Eagan, Stephen Wilks, Jacob Gerston, Peter Miller, Frederick Millhauer, Daniel Lewis, John Bates, James Gilles, James Lawrence, William H. Jones, Joseph Jones, Louis Jones,

**FEROUS ASSAULT.**—A man named Michael Molloy was attacked on the corner of Columbia and Madison streets on Saturday night and badly beaten about the head. Several of his teeth were knocked out. The injuries were inflicted by means of brass knuckles. Police Surgeon Hall and Dr. George Cohen attended to the injured man. The assailant made no escape.

**THE SMALL POX.**—Cornier Snell was called to hold inquest, on Saturday, upon the body of a female who died about a hour after being taken from Flatbush avenue to Atlantic avenue. The family consisted of four persons, and all were lying sick and helpless of the small pox. Orders were given to remove her to the Hospital at Flatbush.

**SCREENED OFF.**—L. F. Dean, master of the bark *Anna A. Frost*, who, in connection with the stevedores, James French, and John W. Smith, were charged with the carrying of opium from the person of the cabin boy employed on board the vessel, surrendered himself to the District Attorney last week, and was committed to jail to await trial. He says the charge is trumped up in order to extort money. French was

**DESERTION.**—Officer McLaughlin of the Fourth Precinct Police found a child two years of age in a pit, on Friday night, nearly dead with the cold. It

probably been deserted by its parents. It was even in charge of the Superintendents of the Poor.

**ARRESTS.**—The police of the First Precinct made a total of 565 arrests during the quarter ending Feb. 1. Of these 478 were males and 87 females.

**ALARM OF FIRE.**—The alarm of the Eastern District was called out by a false alarm of fire yesterday afternoon, for the Sixth District. It was caused in consequence of a lady, residing in Lee avenue, having arisen and arrested a boy in the street who had been detected in robbing her house.

**RELIEF ASSOCIATION.**—For the month ending Jan. 1, the Relief Association of the Eastern District aided 550 families, comprising 2,550 individuals. The amount of money expended was \$265; total amount of money expended, \$2,352 54.

New applications of persons in extreme want are being made every day, but the treasury is nearly empty, and unless citizens contribute more freely there will be a vast amount of suffering before Spring opens.

**FORGERY.**—George CART was arrested on Saturday, charged with forging the name of George Robinson of the City of Hudson, N. Y., to a vote of \$200, which vote he had discounted by Thos. Tumpset, broker, at 54 Wall street. The vote was presented to Mr. Tumpset for payment, when he at once pronounced it forgery. Justice Conditly committed CART to prison.